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PLOUGHS.

BENJAMIN KYLE & ABRAHAM METZ inform the Farming community that they have commenced manufacturing all kinds of PLOUGHS at their shop a short distance west of the Lutheran Church in Chambersburg. These Ploughs will be sold on the most reasonable terms, and be warranted as good as any that have yet been manufactured. They would particularly call the attention of Farmers to an Iron Beam Plough they are manufacturing, which they consider a superior article. This Plough is now extensively used in the best agricultural districts of Virginia, where it has become a great favorite.

Aug. 2, 1851.



Abraham W. Metz, the father of Matthew S. Metz, was a successful plow manufacturer in his home town of Chambersburg, PA. Abraham died in 1891 which coincides with Dr. Matthew Metz's purchase of several properties around McKinney, including nearly all of Block #2 just west of the Square.



*In 1864, when **Matthew S. Metz** was three years old, Confederate soldiers raided Chambersburg, PA (pictured above) where his family lived. A newspaper story from the time reports that Matthew barely escaped being trampled by horse-mounted raiders.*

***Matthew S. Metz** graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in 1883. Following his education, he set up practice at Watseda, Illinois, about 80 miles south of Chicago.*

M. S. METZ, M. D.
Homœopathic Physician and Surgeon
McKINNEY, TEXAS.

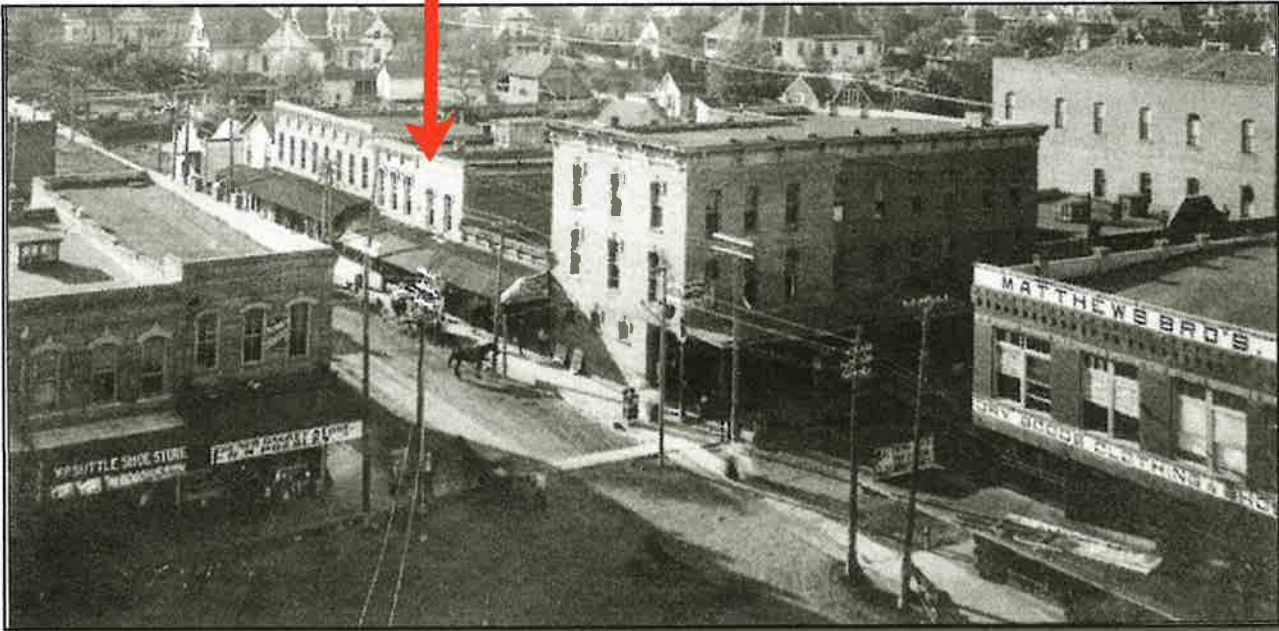
Chronic diseases and diseases of women and children a specialty. All calls, day or night at his office will be promptly attended to.
 Office up stairs in Stiff's building.

Dr. M.S. Metz married Mary Ellen Pearce from Ohio in February of 1886. In December of that same year the couple was in McKinney buying a home and Dr. Metz was setting up his practice on the Square.

Dr. M.S. METZ
SPECIALIST
 Diseases of Women and Children. Just taken Post Graduate course.
 Office Metz Block.
 Phone 48, McKinney, Texas.

In August of 1891, five months following his father's death Dr. Metz began purchasing the lots that made up Block #2 of the McKinney Original Donation. In 1892, he had a two-story brick building built on his accumulated properties. The Metz Block, as it was known, was home to several businesses over the years including a photo gallery, a cigar factory, a telegraph office and a grocery store. In March of 1937, the building burned down when a tenant accidentally knocked over a can of gasoline near a stove.

The Metz Building





*Dr. Metz was active in several organizations including the Masons and the Elks. However, before there was the Elks Club there was the **Harmony Club**. The club was not a singing group but rather an exclusive social club that hosted dances. It limited its size to 25 members and a single black ball could eliminate an aspiring applicant. The above photo was taken 1904 and shows the mustached Dr. Metz in the middle row at left. This club latter became the Elks Club with Dr. Metz being its first Exalted Ruler.*

***Dr. Matthew Metz** was known as Max back home in Chambersburg, PA. This newspaper article from 1907 announces Dr. Metz's trip abroad to sell some Texas land, presumably some of the acreage he had been accumulating for himself.*

TO SELL TEXAS LAND.

Dr. **Max S. Metz**, of McKinney, Texas, left for Philadelphia on Friday forenoon. Today he sailed on the steamship **Friesland** for London, and while there will close an extensive land deal with a number of English capitalists. Before returning home he will visit **Belgium**, **Germany**, **Switzerland** and **France**. He is a brother of **Edward Metz**, the well known South Main street plumber.



Dr. Metz died at home in 1927 at the age of 66 due to heart failure. He was interred at Pecan Grove Cemetery in a plot he purchased in March of 1924.



The above photo of the M.S. Metz house was taken around 1913, based on the apparent age of the child on the tricycle who is most likely Dr. Metz's son who was born in 1909. One window has a stained glass pane which suggests that the other stained glass windows in the house are original to the house.



Annie Hill was a second-cousin-once-removed to **Frank and Jesse James** (at left). That is, Annie's great-grand-father was the Jameses' great-uncle. Though that seems like a distant relation, the Jameses were close to Annie's Uncles Tuck and Woot, having served in the Civil War together. The outlaw brothers visited McKinney occasionally. Though Jesse was murdered in 1882, Frank was acquitted of his crimes and held several honest jobs afterwards, including working as a shoe salesman for Sanger Brothers in Dallas around the time Annie married Dr. Metz.

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‘Snuff’ Treats Stomach Ulcers

**Powdered Pituitary Gland
Is Reported Effective By
Two Baylor Scientists**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 15 (AP).— A whiff of snuff was reported today as the newest and most successful treatment of stomach ulcers, one of the commonest complaints of fast-living civilized man.

The snuff treatment, announced to the Southern Medical Association by Dr. M. Hill Metz and Dr. Robert W. Lackey of Baylor University, Dallas, has been found effective in 55 out of 60 cases on which it was tried.

Pituitary Powder Used

A finely-ground powder made from the rear half of the pituitary glands of animals is the special snuff used, they said. It is inhaled into the nose. The pituitary gland, which

In 1938, **Dr. Matthew Hill Metz**, son of Annie and Dr. Metz, created a treatment for stomach ulcers from powder made from the pituitary glands of animals.

Annie Hill's father's given name was **Wootson Coleman Hill** but he went by the name "Doc" (sometimes Dock). This moniker gave rise to his initials D.C. which stood for Doc Coleman. Annie's father and brother were in the mule business as were her uncles Woot and Tuck.



In 1908 **Annie Hill Metz** became a charter member of the Pierian Club, a social organization made up of married women dedicated to charity and learning. In the above photo of the club members, Annie is on the back row, far left. Dr. Metz is also in the photo for some reason.